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LETTER CORRESPONDENCE
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Sir,

After a long interruption of botanical intercourse between you and our Gardens, I take the liberty to propose to you a renewal of our ancient relations, by addressing you, through the kindness of Prof. A. Gray, an envoi of plants, containing:

Japan & Mandshuria plants 171 sp.
Songaria plants coll. by Shrenk 88 —
Armenian plts coll. by Kotschy 46 —
Various 105. —
410.

To which I permit myself to join several botanical papers of mine, destined to illustrate the flora of eastern Asia, chiefly Japan.

The Songaria, Armenia and Japan plants, if welcome, shall be continued as soon as they are named; the Songarian by D. Trautvetter (in the Bulletin de la soc. d. nat. de Moscou), the Armenian by Boissier (in the Flora Orientalis),

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the Japan and Manchurian plants by myself.
Concerning the two first no further explanation seems necessary, but as to the Japanese, it could appear strange, that this present set is of so heterogeneous a composition: some families complete, as Coniferae, Araliaceae, Valerianeae &c, others only begun or entirely wanting. But my Diagnoses pl. nov. will show you that I undertook first to publish the new species of my collection, picking them out just as I hit upon them, and stopping to work up such families as I have a predilection to.
I was forced to this publication of new plants by a rival work on the flora of Japan by Prof. Miquel. Now, his Prolusio Fl. Japonicae is finished, and I can proceed in my work in a more systematical manner, taking first the Thalamiflorae. — This class shall be the object of my next distribution of Japan plants, I presume in Spring 1869.

I should be delighted to hear that our present envoi has proved acceptable to you. In this case which as you see I was so free to anticipate; you of course taking as much interest in our Siberian flora as we do in your American plants, —

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I will take care that henceforth you get your regular part in the above, as well as in other collections which might be distributed in the course of time. Should you happen to have particular desiderata, I would feel most happy to meet your wishes as far as possible.

As to our own wishes, it is hardly necessary to specify them, we desire of course most which we have least, namely: plants of your recent railroad-exploring expeditions in the far west, of the Rocky mountains, Oregon, California & New-Mexico, in the second place Texas plants, rarer kinds of the old states, sets of Cyperaceae by recent

botanists, and the like. For my own person, your western species are of highest interest, as they agree often very closely with alpine species from Japan (compare for instance my mentioned *A. arguta* & *A. barbinerve* with your *A. globosum*!)

In your answer please give us your exact adress at New York, adressing your letters & eventually your parcages directly to „the Imperial Botanical Gardens at St. Petersburg". If agreeable, I propose that each pays his own parcels, beginning so with the present one myself.

Believe me, Sir, with the highest regards

truly yours

C. J. Maximowicz.
Custos Herbarii H. Bot. Petropolit.

St. Petersburg.
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